

ever more extreme goals and behavior. Maintaining a safe, clean, and beautiful natural world for ourselves, our children, and grandchildren to enjoy is a goal we should all share.

#### HONORING LANCE CORPORAL SARA CASTROMATA

(Mr. McNERNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Marine Lance Corporal Sara Castromata. Lance Corporal Castromata was tragically murdered in an incident on the Marine Base at Quantico on March 21, 2013. An investigation by the military revealed that there were lapses in security on the base.

Lance Corporal Castromata joined the Marines in 2011, after graduating with honors from Liberty High School in Brentwood, California. A strong-minded individual, Ms. Castromata enlisted in the U.S. Marines to serve our great Nation. While in the Marines, she earned the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal, all of which are a testament to her honorable service.

I appreciate the Marine Corps for investigating this crime and providing recommendations to prevent future criminal acts. While these are steps in the right direction, we must do more to ensure that this type of event doesn't happen again.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Marine Lance Corporal Sara Castromata and for additional base security.

#### RECOGNIZING USA SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FESTIVAL AND NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

(Mr. HULTGREN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the USA Science and Engineering Festival.

This past weekend, government, industry, and academia came together to energize students and teachers through hands-on experiences to showcase the opportunities of the future and the ways studying STEM subjects can be fun and rewarding for boys and girls.

It wasn't your traditional science fair. The festival is a great model of how a diverse team can partner together to further the STEM fields that are home to the future careers of our youth. Our next generation of technicians, engineers, and scientists should be exposed to opportunities that they don't realize are within their grasp—careers and jobs they hadn't even considered when imagining their futures.

I introduced a resolution last June encouraging State and local govern-

ments to recognize the last week of April as National Science Week. Getting kids excited about robotics, computers, and math can spur them to become our future leaders and innovators.

#### IMMIGRATION REFORM

(Mr. VARGAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, we returned from our district work period, or spring recess, although really what it was for most of us was the opportunity to be back during Passover and the week leading up to Easter. And for those of us like myself that love celebrating our faith, we go to our synagogues and churches to hear more about the things we believe.

This time, what I heard most from religious leaders was how we were letting down the teachings of the Holy Scriptures by not doing what was commanded in Leviticus 19:

You shall treat the alien who resides with you no differently than the natives born among you.

Or, what we hear Jesus teaching in Matthew 25:

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

Let's heed what our religious leaders are pleading with us to do and pass comprehensive immigration reform.

#### REFUNDABLE CHILD TAX CREDIT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION RE- FORM ACT

(Mr. MARCHANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Refundable Child Tax Credit Eligibility Verification Reform Act.

This bill, authored by my friend and colleague, Congressman SAM JOHNSON, cracks down on fraud. It requires taxpayers who claim the additional child tax credit to provide a valid Social Security number. This is just common sense.

It has been well-documented that the government loses billions of dollars due to the rampant fraud of the additional child tax credit. The IRS inspector general puts this fraud number at an unbelievable \$4.2 billion a year.

This fraud—and failure to fix the problem—is simply unacceptable. This is why my constituents in Texas deserve to know what is being done to address this problem.

There is a clear solution. That solution is H.R. 556.

I urge all of my colleagues to join me today in cosponsoring this bill to deliver a more responsible government to Texas and to American taxpayers.

#### DETECTING BREAST CANCER EARLIER

(Ms. HAHN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, today, African American women with breast cancer are 40 percent more likely to die from the disease than White women. In my hometown of Los Angeles, African American women are 70 percent more likely to die from breast cancer than White women. This is tragic and shameful.

I have heard heartbreaking stories of women who were not able to access screening until it was too late or who could not receive treatment because they did not have health insurance.

I have introduced a resolution here in Congress to recognize this alarming disparity and to raise nationwide awareness of this crisis in our health care system. My hope is that greater awareness of this issue will help to be the impetus for action and help improve the way we treat breast cancer for all women.

This is an issue of life and death, and we must do everything we can to ensure that every woman, regardless of race, has access to the quality screening and treatment she needs to fight this awful disease.

The good news is that now, under the Affordable Care Act, which my colleagues on the other side said was the worst law ever written in the history of man, lifesaving mammograms are covered for women in this country, allowing them to detect breast cancer early.

#### ASIA-PACIFIC REGION PRIORITY ACT

(Ms. HANABUSA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. HANABUSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4495, the Asia-Pacific Region Priority Act. Introduced by Congressman FORBES of Virginia and myself, this was filed last night.

The timing of this bill is when the President left his last stop on the trip to the pivot of the Asia Pacific. Also, this is the result of 5 months of hearings, roundtables, and meetings that Congressman FORBES and I conducted.

This is truly a bipartisan effort in that it is in line with the President's commitment to my part of the world. The pivot to Asia Pacific is not just for security, but also for prosperity and economic growth, along with what is very important: relationships.

The President has said that the 21st century will be defined by Asia Pacific—whether we live in cooperation or in conflict. I believe it will be in cooperation.

I ask my colleagues to support our efforts on this truly bipartisan measure for the definition of the 21st century.